

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 117  
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bill C. Kirk of Bristol.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bill C. Kirk; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kirk was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk was born in Greeneville to the late Charles Henry and Ruby Lynn Howser Kirk, and the family moved to Bristol when Bill Kirk was a child; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee High School and East Tennessee State University, Bill Kirk served with acumen and alacrity as the Manager and Funeral Director of Weaver Funeral Home and as a dedicated employee with the Virginia Department of Taxation, in which positions he earned the unbridled respect of his colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk was an active and devout member of North Star Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kirk also served his community as a Scottish Rite Mason and was a member of the King Masonic Lodge 461 and the Jericho Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, Bill C. Kirk was also deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Celesta Carty Kirk, and their children, Dr. James K. Cole and his wife, Dr. Jill Cole, Erin Kirk Ringley and her husband, Eric Ringley, and Karenelle Kirk Ashley and her husband, Mike Ashley; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kirk was also blessed with a sister, Betty Kirk Walling, four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, and he will be greatly missed by each of these dear family members; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kirk leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bill C. Kirk, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Kirk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.